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In re Patent Application of)
Checrallah KACHOUH.) : Group Art Unit: 3627
Application No.: 09/749,643)
Filed: December 28, 2000) : Examiner: S. BARRETT
For: ELECTRIC MOTOR ACTUATOR FOR A)
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

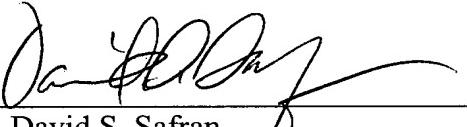
The references which are listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in an Office Action issued by the German Patent Office. Of these references, DE 198 14 002 has an English language counterpart in GB 2335947, DE 195 33 199 has an English language counterpart in U.S. Patent 5,961,163 and DE 41 25 448 has an English language counterpart in U.S. Patent 5,453,671. Copies of these counterparts are enclosed and are also listed on the PTO-1449. German Patent DE 44 33 994 was merely cited by the German Examiner as general background art only, i.e., category "A" type art, which is not directly relevant to or suggestive of the invention as defined by claim 1, and published German Patent Application 195 36 611 with regard to its showing of a lever having a journal 10 that is received in a guide slot 6 that extends around the axis of rotation of the control cylinder 3 (see Fig. 1) or is guided by a helical bar that wraps around the outer surface of the cylinder, but which is not directly relevant to the subject matter of independent claim 1 of this application.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing, or entry into the national phase, of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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